

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: THE NARRAGANSETT ELECTRIC COMPANY            :**  
**d/b/a NATIONAL GRID’S APPLICATION TO                :**  
**CHANGE EXISTING TERMS AND CONDITIONS            :**           **DOCKET NO. 5059**  
**FOR NONREGULATED POWER PRODUCERS                :**

**ORDER**

On August 11, 2020, The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid (National Grid or Company) filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) updates to its Terms and Conditions for Nonregulated Power Producers (NPPs).<sup>1</sup> In its filing letter, National Grid explained that:

The updates to the Terms and Conditions for Nonregulated Power Producers include new language setting forth the Company’s responsibility in releasing customer information to a municipal aggregator. This addition is consistent with R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-1.2(b) which calls for municipalities to have reasonable and timely access to information from the Company. The other changes more accurately reflect the Company’s current capabilities and practice. Specifically, the updated terms and conditions make the Company’s offering of a Passthru Billing Service, a Passback Billing Service, and Summary Billing optional. The updated terms and conditions also replace notice of two (2) business days with four (4) business days in connection with executing transactional requests made by nonregulated power producers and replace the Value Added Network with an Inside Agent application. In addition, the updates clarify that, when referring to service provided by the Company to customers who are not receiving generation service from a non-regulated power producer, Standard Offer Service is applicable through December 31, 2020 and thereafter Last Resort Service is applicable. The updates also remove references to sales tax as such references predated an amendment to Rhode Island law effective July 1, 2015.<sup>2</sup>

The filing was prompted by the filing by multiple Rhode Island municipalities for approval of their respective petitions for approval of community choice electricity aggregation programs

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<sup>1</sup> Nonregulated power producers, more commonly referred to as competitive electricity suppliers, are companies engaging in the business of producing, manufacturing, generating, buying, aggregating, marketing, or brokering electricity for sale at wholesale or for retail sale to the public; provided however, that companies that negotiate the purchase of electric generation services on behalf of customers and do not engage in the purchase and resale of electric generation services shall be excluded from this definition. (R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-1-2(19)).

<sup>2</sup> National Grid Filing Letter at 2; [http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5059-NGrid%20T&C's%20-NPPs%20\(8-11-2020\).pdf](http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/eventsactions/docket/5059-NGrid%20T&C's%20-NPPs%20(8-11-2020).pdf).

allowed under R.I. Gen. Laws § 39-3-1.2.<sup>3</sup> The Company needs to have an approved tariff in place in order to clarify the rights and obligations of the NPPs and National Grid under a community aggregation plan.

A procedural schedule was set on September 4, 2020. There were no intervenors. On October 6, 2020, the Division of Public Utilities and Carriers submitted a letter from legal counsel indicating that the Division had reviewed the proposal and recommended approval.

On May 26, 2021, at the completion of the Commission's review of several community aggregation plans, the Commission approved RIPUC No. 2223 canceling RIPUC No. 1191. The Commission notes that there was no objection to either the new language required for community aggregation plans nor was there any objection to the updates to various business processes by NPPs.

On July 16, 2021, National Grid submitted a compliance filing wherein it removed reference to standard offer service because it has been replaced with last resort service and also corrected a typographical error. On July 27, 2021, the Commission reviewed the filing and approved it as consistent with the May 26, 2021 decision.

Accordingly, it is hereby,

(24097) ORDERED:

1. The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's Terms and Conditions for Nonregulated Power Producers RIPUC No. 2223, canceling RIPUC No. 1191 is hereby approved.
2. The Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid's July 16, 2021 compliance filing is accepted.

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<sup>3</sup> See Docket Nos. 5042, 5047, 5061, and 5062.

EFFECTIVE AT WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND ON MAY 26, 2021 PURSUANT TO  
OPEN MEETING DECISIONS ON JUNE 29, 2021 AND JULY 27, 2021. WRITTEN ORDER  
ISSUED AUGUST 2, 2021.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION



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Ronald T. Gerwatowski, Chairman



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Abigail Anthony, Commissioner



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John C. Revens, Jr., Commissioner

\* Commissioner Revens did not participate in the May 26, 2021 decision but voted to find the compliance tariff conformed with the rulings of the Commission.